with President Clinton on the many matters of common interest and concern, Gov-eminent had been glad of the opportunity for exchanging views with Mr. Talbott on matters of mutual interest, in particular on building up Indo-US bilateral relations, Prime Minister also expressed appreciation for President Clinton's sympathy on the death of two Indian soldiers in Somalia and for the sentiments expressed by the US President on India's endeavour to contribute the restoration of peace in Somalia.

(c) and (d) Government have repeatedly emphasized that there has been no change in the extent of support being provided by Pakistan to terrorism in India in the form of arms, equipment and training facilities and the infiltration of mercenaries. This was corroborated by available evidence. The US Government have staled that the US will continue to press Pakistan to cease aiding and abetting terrorism in India, but have also conveyed that, according to their impression, official Pakistani support to terrorism in India has declined. Government continue to impress upon all friendly Governments, including the US, the factual situation telating to Pakistani involvement in promoting terrorism in India.

Deployment of more troops in Somalia

4608. SHRI K. R. MALKANI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.N. want us to send 2,000 more troops in addition to the 5,000 which are already there in Somalia ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that U.S.A. and European countries have withdrawn the bulk of their forces from Somalia ; and

(c) if so, would Government explain why we have committed forces in Somalia when we have no vital national interest in that country and when Somalia had never asked either for our troops or for any other foreign country's troops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As part of our traditional policy of supporting and participating in UN Peace keeping Operations, India joined the International effort to create at secure environment for providing humanitarian relief to the people of Somalia where there is no recognised Government. The presence of our contingent has received appreciation from the Somali people.

PM's Visit to UK

4609. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA :
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister had recently visited U.K.;

(b) if so, the details of the visit together with the nature of discussions held ; and

(c) whether the issue of economic investments in India also cropped up during the talks and if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Prime Minister paid an official visit to the UK from 13-16 March 1994 at the invitation of the British PM Mir. John Major. During the visit ,the Prime Minister called on the Queen, held talks with Mr. John Major and received the UK's Defence Secretary, Minister for Overseas Development and the President of the Board of Trade. He also met the leaders of the British Opposition Parties. The main issues covered during PM's talks with Mr. Major, and members of the British Cabinet included intensification of bilateral economic relations. Indo/UK cooperation in various fields, regional issues related to Europe and South Asia, the situation in J&K and Indo-Pak relations.

(c) Yes, Sir. PM invited the UK to consider increased investments in India Mr. Major conveyed that he would actively communicate to British business the openness of the Indian market for trade and investment and seek enhanced British investments.

Dialogue between India and Pakistan

4610. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether as reported in the Hindu of 31st January, 1994, the US has taken a positive view of the six proposals made by India to Pakistan for establishing a smooth bilateral working relationship ; and

(b) if so, what further steps have been taken by Government and the US Administration to help continue the dialogue between India and Pakistan for improving mutual ties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US Government has expressed support for India's offer to continue negotiations with Pakistan at the Foreign Secretary level aimed at resolving Indo-Pak issues on the basis of the Simla Agreement.

Pak proposal to send a fact finding mission to Kashmir

4611. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan has lately made a proposal to send a fact finding mission to Kashmir to assess the human rights situation there;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto, whether Government have rejected the move outright and if so, in what terms; and

(c) whether Pakistan also attempted to move a resolution on human rights in Kashmir in the recent meeting of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, if so, in what terms, and what was Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (c) Pakistan tabled a resolution at the recent 50th Session of the UNCHR on alleged human rights violations in J&K which included a call for despatch of a fact-finding mission.

India took a range of measures to bring true facts regarding the situation in J&K to the attention of the Internationa] Com-munity particularly Pakistan's interference in India's internal affairs by aiding and abetting terrorism in India and in violating the Simla Agreement. The External Affairs Minister wrote to his counterparts in all members states of the Commission on Human Rights, envoys of member states of the UNCHR were briefed at several levels on the true situation in J&K and India exercised her right of reply during the UNCHR session to effectively rebut all of Pakistan's allegations. Further, intense lobbying of UNCHR members was also done through our Diplomatic Missions to put across India's case and this was reinforced by Indian policy of transparency which included visits to, J&K by two batches of envoys including EC TROIKA. The measures taken by Government of India were effective in isolating Pakistan at the UNCHR Session, so much so Pakistan unconditionally withdrew the resolution.

Pressure Tactics of U. S.

4612 : SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been under tremendous US pressure with regard to signing the NPT and acquisition of missiles;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether the recent overtures, by US with regard to expression of concern for